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And if we add the eighth commissioner down here to Lincoln, that just looks like it's just setting them back farther yet and with less support out there all the time. So I think that's something that we should consider because I think we need all the help we can get as far as managing the resources and not people, and I think that's what eighth commissioner is actually going to be doing, is managing people and not resources. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate ceases. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, Senator Cudaback asked me and Senator Schrock asked me that if this amendment were adopted is this the last they would see of this issue, and I assured them that from my perspective it is the last they would see of this issue. If this is adopted then the problem of population discrepancy becomes an Omaha problem really in its biggest dimension, far and away its biggest dimension, and the leadership on anything further on this issue would have to come from Omaha. But the proposal before you is modest. The discrepancies between the districts now are a difference between one to nine and a half. With this proposal, the difference between the largest and the smaller...smallest district would change to one and seven and a half, so it helps but it's not huge. For those that it does help modestly who are the...for the Lincoln senators, basically all it does is this. It says that the person who represents this area who has been from Lincoln for as long as anybody can remember, all it does is ensure that there will be a representative from Lincoln in the future, by virtue of creating a boundary line. For Omaha and Douglas County, it takes some of their district population and breaks off Sarpy County, so that they become a somewhat smaller district in terms of the total